UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION AT DAYTON

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James R. Taylor,

Case No. 3:04-cv-154

Petitioner,

vs.

Margaret Bradshaw, Warden,

Respondent.

ORDER ADOPTING SUBSTITUTED REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Before the Court is the Chief Magistrate Judge's Substituted Report and Recommendations on the Merits in this capital habeas corpus petition. (Doc. 66) The Substituted Report notes that Petitioner, James R. Taylor, has died of natural causes, and recommends that his Petition be dismissed with prejudice as moot. This is the proper result. See, e.g., <u>Dove v. United States</u>, 423 U.S. 325 (1976). Therefore, the Petition is hereby dismissed with prejudice.

THIS CASE IS CLOSED.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 7

United States District Court